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* WILLIAM ("MR. PRESIDENT") HILLMAN TO SPEAK AT *
* OPC'S ANNUAL MEETING AT CLUBROOMS APRIL 24 *

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MBS White House correspondent WILLIAM HILLMAN, author of the controversial book, "Mr. President", will be speaker guest-of-honor at the Overseas Press Club's Annual Meeting and Election at the Clubrooms at 8 PM on Thursday, April 24, at the Clubrooms, 1475 Broadway. The popular correspondent, whose book proved a semi-official document of President Truman's personal life in the White House, will address Members before elections take place.

Leading in this year's slate of candidates is WILLIAM P. GRAY, associate editor of Life magazine, who will run to succeed JOHN DALY as President of the Overseas Press Club.

ADMIRAL KIRK, FORMER AMBASSADOR TO USSR,
JOINS SPEAKERS AT MAY 7 OPC DINNER

America's most recent former envoy to Soviet Russia, Admiral Alan Kirk, this week joined the roster of distinguished guests who will speak before the Overseas Press Club's Annual Awards Dinner at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel on Wednesday, May 7. Theme of Admiral Kirk's address will be "Can We Reach the Russian People?"

With Admiral Kirk on a special OPC program commemorating the seventh anniversary of VE Day will be Paul G. Hoffman, President of the Ford Foundation and former Economic Cooperation Administrator; and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, U.S. Delegate to the United Nations. Mrs. Roosevelt, who recently toured the East, will explain "The Challenge Ahead in Asia", while Mr. Hoffman will discuss "Politics, Power and Peace."

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Named as candidates for other offices are B. MATHIEU of the New Yorker; PATRICIA LOCHRIDGE, magazine writer; and HERBERT MATTHEWS, New York Times editorial writer, for Vice-Presidents, and JOSEPH J. WURZEL, to succeed himself as Secretary-Treasurer.

Next week's meeting will be the second conducted under the new OPC Constitution adopted a year ago, and extensive Member-participation is anticipated.

While Associate and Guest members are welcome to attend the meeting, only Active Members may vote. Remember to bring your membership cards, President DALY advised all Active Members this week.

Other features of the meeting will include Committee reports, discussion of the past year's activities and the proposal of new projects to occupy the club for the coming year.

Members are asked to limit themselves to one guest.

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The Christian Science Monitor's MARY HORNADAY is one of a group on a Pentagon junket which leaves April 18 to visit WAC installations in England, France, Germany, Austria and Italy, returning May 5. Purpose is to bolster lagging WAC recruiting... Member MARJORIE YOUNG sends along a spirited piece on Attorney-General-designate James P. McGranery, written by husband, JAMES YOUNG, associate editor of the Anderson (S.C.) Daily Mail ... Past President BOB CONSIDINE back from his trip to spend Easter in Spain and report on religious observances there ...

Just back from Germany and France is Program Chairman SANFORD GRIFFITH ... ARTHUR RICKERBY off with the United States Navy to the Mediterranean area -- Naples first stop, then around to the Middle East. Will be gone for six weeks ...

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ALLAN JACKSON, who broadcasts news on CBS Radio Monday through Friday, on April 25 will receive an award of the Minnesota Radio Council at a special ceremony in Minneapolis. Citation states that JACKSON'S new program has contributed "most to international understanding", voted as a result of a statewide poll in which more than 10,000 questionnaires were received from listeners ... BRUCE JACOBS has returned to New York from a four-week tour of baseball spring training camps. He edits Sports Stars, a monthly mag. JACOBS is also the author of the adventure yarn, "Rescue at Sea", in the April Saga, as well as collaborator with Marine Sgt. William Shapiro on "Leatherneck in Israel", sold to Men (July issue). Latter is a combat narrative of a U.S. fighting man who spent 30-odd months as infantry officer in the Israeli Army. JACOBS plans a book on the same subject ...

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Time Inc's F.Y.I. notes officially that JERRY HANNIFIN has been transferred from the Seattle bureau to write for Life in New York ... Quick Stopover: DAVID DARRAH returned to New York from Florida April 8, was off to Europe April 18 ...

A copy of "An Approach to China's Land Reform", written by Premier Chen Cheng of the National Government, Republic of China, was presented the Overseas Press Club this week by FRANK TAO, editor of the China News Service ... BERYL KENT recently returned to Beverly Hills from Las Vegas where she helped launch a chapter for "The City of Hope", a humanitarian institution devoted to the care of needy tuberculosis and cancer victims. The place is covered in an article by Joseph Stocker in the April 4 issue of Collier's, entitled, "America's Happy Hospital". While in Las Vegas, she showed an inspirational film on the subject. Last week Miss KENT was off for Reno, where she hoped to start another chapter of this same organization. ...

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HAVE YOU MADE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR THE OPC'S ANNUAL DINNER AT THE WALDORF ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 7? IF NO, WRITE CLUB HEADQUARTERS, 1475 BROADWAY, AT ONCE

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 . WILLIAM OATIS NAMED TO RECEIVE POLK MEMORIAL AWARD;
 . OPCer EDWARD MURROW WINS PLAUDITS FOR TV PRESENTATION .

Associated Press correspondent William N. Oatis, currently imprisoned in Czechoslovakia on a trumped-up spy charges, has been voted winner of the 1952 George Polk Memorial Award for journalistic service "above and beyond call of duty", it was announced this week by Awards Chairman JOHN BARKHAM. Oatis' award, to be presented in absentia at the Annual Awards Dinner on Wednesday, May 7, includes a cash honorarium of \$500.

Reporting on a tally of some 218 ballots received from OPC Members both here and abroad, BARKHAM noted that "two of the winners are currently in enemy custody". The other is Frank Noel, AP photographer and now a prisoner of war in North Korea, who won the citation for "best picture reporting from abroad, judged on its interpretive quality".

Other awards, in their respective categories, are listed below:

Cyrus Sulzberger, New York Times -- Best Consistent Press Reporting from Abroad
 Howard K. Smith, Columbia Broadcasting System -- Best Consistent Radio Reporting from Abroad
 EDWARD R. MURROW, Columbia Broadcasting System -- Best Consistent Television Presentation of Foreign Affairs
 Joseph and Stewart Alsop, New York Herald Tribune -- Best Press Interpretation of Foreign News
 Elmer Davis, American Broadcasting Company -- Best Radio Interpretation of Foreign News

Official OPC plaques signifying the various awards will go to winners at the Club's Annual Awards Dinner to be held May 7 at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

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" OPC'S ANNUAL DINNER, THIS YEAR COMMEMORATING VE-DAY "
 " ANNIVERSARY, TO HEAR FORMER AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW "

Awards Presentation Banquet May 7 Slated
 To Draw Record Attendance Crowd;
 Early Reservations Urged

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Overall theme of the dinner, in addition to commemorating the VE Day anniversary, will be a blueprinting of the steps necessary for world peace, as well as a review of the progress made in the seven years since Nazi Germany capitulated.

As plans for the naming of guests of honor were concluded, Dinner Chairman WILLIAM P. GRAY announced that future concentration will be on acquainting Members and the public with the aims of the Dinner, which benefits the Club's Correspondent's Fund, and on urging immediate table reservations.

"In the past," GRAY said, "many of our own Members have been disappointed to learn that choice table locations had already been allocated by the time they made their reservations. Naturally, we want to give preference to all OPCers. But we must reserve tables and sites on a first-come-first-served basis.

"Therefore, I can't urge too strongly that Club Members themselves place reservations at once."

GRAY noted that news of Annual Dinner activities reaches Members in The Bulletin before the general public is informed through items in the daily newspapers. Thus, he said, there should be no excuse for complaints on the part of Members who feel they have been discriminated against.

Subscription rates announced by the Dinner Committee provide for: Member and one guest, each, \$10; guests, \$15 each. Entire tables may be reserved by Members, on the basis of 10 guests per table.

Starting April 12, MORGAN BEATTY, NBC news commentator, launched a five-minute TV news report on the network on Saturdays at 5:25 PM ... BERNARD HOFFMAN, former Life photographer now president of Bernard Hoffman Photographic Laboratories, and family are getting their cabin cruiser overhauled for a six-week trip to Canada. Taking a much-needed vacation. The day the New York lab opened for business, HOFFMAN and crew worked 27 hours straight on pictures for rush magazine layouts ... HELEN BUCKLER is spending several months at Pendle Hall Quaker center for social and religious study in the country outside Philadelphia, where she's at work on a biography ...

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After six years as director of NBC's press department, JOSEF DINE this week left to join Ziv Productions, a packaging firm for radio and transcribed library presentations, as public relations director ... ROBERT LaBLONDE, New York public relations exec and formerly a State Department consultant, receives a 1952 Byline Award of the Marquette University College of Journalism at ceremonies in Milwaukee on April 20 ...

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GOING TO THE OPC DINNER MAY 7? ONLY 17 MORE DAYS TO MAKE RESERVATIONS !!

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OPC's PROPOSED ACCIDENT-SICKNESS PLAN)
ENTERS CRUCIAL DEVELOPMENT PERIOD;
NEED MORE TO REACH PERCENTAGE GOAL

As the result of two mailings from Club Headquarters to all Members, the OPC-sponsored sickness and accident group insurance plan is making strides ahead in enrolling Members in the

project designed especially for OPC needs by the Continental Casualty Company of Chicago, Illinois. "Recently," according to a recent letter from Secretary-Treasurer JOSEPH J. WURZEL, "we had the pleasure of sending a letter from President JOHN DALY, together with a brochure outlining our sickness and accident insurance program." WURZEL continued, "And I must say, the response has been fine.

"However," WURZEL writes, "in order for our Members to gain the full advantage of this program, the insurance company requires that 50 per cent of our domestic membership participate within the 60-day enrollment period. We are anxious to reach that goal."

At the same time, the Club's insurance administrator, Carl J. Lundgren, reported that after the 60-day period, "applicants will have to show evidence of insurability in order to obtain this low-cost insurance, so if you have not already sent in your enrollment blank, we suggest you give it serious consideration."

Mr. Lundgren will be present, incidentally, at the April 24 Annual Meeting to answer any questions from Members on particular points of this plan. Or, telephone inquires to RE 2-4233.

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Representatives: The Committee for Free Asia needs American representatives now for Japan, Formosa, Hong Kong, Malaya, Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia, Burma, India, Pakistan, Ceylon to cooperate with local groups supporting national freedom against Communism. Experience in and sympathy with countries concerned required. Age 28 to 55. Liberal salary and living allowances, transportation including families. Two-year contract. For information, apply immediately by letter with resume to Committee for Free Asia, 270 Park Avenue, Office 501-B, New York 17.

("The Job Forum" is a service of the OPC's Placement Committee)

RED FACE DEPARTMENT: According to better advices, MAX RODEN, winner of the door-prize trip to Brazil, did not work for the Brooklyn Eagle from 1910 to 1930; instead, he spent those years in Vienna, poeticking and writing art reviews. His publishers recently published a jubilee edition of his aphorisms, "Spiegelungen", as a birthday surprise for their 70-years-young author ...

According to his publishers (Vanguard Press), "there has been a certain amount of controversy over the first use outside China of the term 'brain-washing'", the title phrase used by EDWARD HUNTER for his new book, "Brain-Washing in Red China". Says the publisher: "first mention in an American newspaper of 'brain-washing' was in a dispatch from Mr. HUNTER to the Miami Daily News of September 24, 1950. First use of the term in an American Magazine was in an article by Mr. HUNTER in the New Leader of October 7, 1950. Finally, Mr. HUNTER's book containing the term in its title, was published October 22, 1951."...

The German language weekly, Aufbau, this week published JOSA MORGAN RUFFNER'S article on Lieselotte Berger, the German student leader who spoke as an OPC guest at a recent meeting. Reports just having received a letter from her, telling of the incredibly strong propaganda of the Russians, while she has to scrape every German pfennig together to help democratic students in the Eastern-occupied Russian zone ...

WHAT HAPPENS MAY 7? THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB ANNUAL DINNER!

MAIL BAG: From Toyko comes welcome word from IRVING R. LEVINE, NBC's top correspondent there. "I'm still hopeful", LEVINE writes, "of getting up there to meet some of you people when (as I think it will) the Panmunjon talks wind up successfully." It's also reported that LEVINE has been added to the list of the Redpath Literary Agency. LEVINE, of course, entered Seoul on its first liberation in September, 1950, and again with the South Korean First Division in March, 1951, is back in Seoul again now after nine-months reporting from Tokyo ...

EGBERT WHITE, director of the Far East Regional Production Center of the State Department in Manila, reports that, "we are enjoying a visit here this week from J. J. Singh. As you probably know, he has been making an extensive tour of the Far East with his charming bride. I am having him to dinner at my house tonight with Secretary of Defense Magsaysay and his wife. The Bulletin is a constant source of pleasure ... Please give my regards to JOSEPH ROSAPEPE and RITA HUME SECONDARI, both of whom are back in the States by the last Bulletin ..."

TED GEIGER, Acting Chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to active membership in the Overseas Press Club of America the following candidate:

SPENCER C. VALMY, Shell Oil Company

..... **VIENNA DATELINE:** -- (Special to The Bulletin) -- Back in Vienna .. **THE OVERSEAS TICKER** .. after a whirlwind flying trip to New York for a three-minute news .. shot is ALEXANDER KENDRICK of CBS. Flew 6,000 miles in four days .. Photographer Eugene Kammerman in town from Paris to do pix for Ernest Hauser's forthcoming Saturday Evening Post piece on Vienna ... Time & Life's Simon Bourgin back from Stockholm, Hamburg and Munich ... Joseph Wechsberg of the New Yorker no sooner installed in a new house than he's planning a trip to the Middle East ... Several correspondents, including John MacCormac of the New York Times and Stars & Stripes' Ernie Reed to Salzburg for the trial of alleged Czech spies. Story fizzled ...

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Heavy journalistic attendance at State Department and MEC cocktail parties for the large group of U.S. newspaper and radio station owners (Wick group) touring Europe and the Middle East, and a batch of OEEC journalists from Marshall Plan countries inspecting Austrian industry ... U.S. Embassy's public affairs boss, Charles Moffly, back on the job after a vacation in Washington. -- (JOSEF ISRAELS II).

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PARIS DATELINE: -- (Special to The Bulletin) -- The U.S. Embassy's new Directory of Accredited American Correspondents in Paris lists 115 newsmen on the beat as follows: 39 with working for 12 U.S. news services; 38 working for 12 American dailies; 33 affiliated with 17 American magazines and publications; and five working for four U.S. broadcasting services. As compared with last year's roster, there are now two more American news services and five more mags represented. The number of dailies and broadcasting services remained steady ...

American Aid to France keeps FLORENCE GILLIAM busy. She's been the agency's director since 1949, and is organizing new construction and equipment of a large student center which the group will present to the University of Paris... PAUL GHALI, Chicago Daily News bureau chief, vacationing in Egypt ... BERTRAM J. PERKINS, Fairchild Publications, off to New York and Washington on a combined business and vacation trip ...

SANFORD GRIFFITH, commuting recently between Bonn and Paris, feasted with your correspondent and Elie Maissi, INS diplomatic correspondent, on poulet Christine at A La Reine Christine on the Left Bank ... Leonidas Campolonghi, president of the Foreign Press Association, celebrated his 50th birthday and asked everybody who called him "Campo" for the first 50 years of his life, please to call him "Longhi" for the last 50 ...

Largest U.S. news group to pass through Paris so far this season: 57 representatives from small-town American newspapers, radio and TV stations in 21 states (including seven women and 12 wives.) ... John Roderick, AP and Homer Bigart of the New York Herald Tribune made a dash to the Kebili desert inn, 500 miles south of Tunis, to interview the deposed Tunisian cabinet ministers interned in the "Hotel" Philibert -- which has no electricity and no phone. The American consul in Tunis slept there once and reported that an ostrich farm nearby supplies plumes for the Folies Bergere ...

Ambassador William H. Draper, Jr., MSA Representative in Europe and NATO delegate, spoke at a crowded luncheon of the Anglo-American Press Association at the Hotel Scribe last week. He said he had heard rumors among members to boycott further luncheons if the speakers committee continued to invite other American ambassadors as guests. There were four of them. Ambassador James Dunn introduced Mr. Draper...

At the luncheon, the press section of the U.S. Embassy was represented by Elias A. McQuaid, press attache, and Benjamin C. Bradlee, his assistant. Among OPCers present: ROSS HAZELTINE (McGraw-Hill); GEORGE HERALD (ONA), newly arrived with wife Marty and boy Steve and settling down in Auteuil; and WILLIAM ATTWOOD (Look), just returned from Rome where he did a piece on Ingrid Bergman and husband. Reports they have a bulldog named Stromboli and are in search of a name for their second child, due to arrive in July. They want a girl and will call her "Isabella". If it's a boy -- no name yet ...

From the weather strip of the Herald Trib's Paris edition: "Channel crossing becoming rough" ... Visiting fireman's latest definition of the Eiffel Tower: the Empire State Building after taxes. -- (CURT L. HEYMANN).

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BANGKOK DATELINE:-- (Special to The Bulletin) -- Recent visitors in Bangkok were the Ladies Home Journal co-editor team, the BRUCE GOULDS, after a business stay in New Delhi ... Also stopping over were Tilman Durdin of the New York Times and George Weller, Chicago Sun ...

New Bangkok stringer for the New York Times is Karl Melchers of the Bangkok Post ... Most of Bangkok's American community were guests at a super dinner party given by Thailand's Premier Phibun Songkram for Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, who made a busy overnight stay in the capital. -- (ALEXANDER MacDONALD).

MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW FOR THE ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER ON MAY 7!

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